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DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY INSTALLS ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Governor Roy E. Barnes, and Speaker of the House of Representatives Thomas B. Murphy joined Department of Motor Vehicle Safety Commissioner Tim Burgess in administering the oath of office to 306 law enforcement officers at a ceremony Wednesday, November 14th at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth.

This ceremony marks the unification of the law enforcement officers of the Department of Transportation, the Public Safety Commission and the Department of Public Safety. The creation of the DMVS and this new Enforcement Unit was initiated and guided through the 2000 Legislative Session as House Bill 1441 authored by Speaker Murphy and signed into law by Governor Roy Barnes as Act Number 737 on April 28th 2000.

The DMVS Enforcement Division, under the supervision of Chief Officer Colonel Mark McLeod, is comprised of 306 men and women. This team of seasoned officers is responsible for upholding the regulations of commercial vehicle weights and measures, equipment safety operations and drivers license fraud and investigations. They also enforce the HOV lane restrictions in Metro-Atlanta.

"I am honored to lead the DMVS and its Enforcement Officers in a coordinated campaign to effectively and efficiently serve, not only the commercial vehicle and motor trucking industry, but all motorists and citizens of Georgia," said Burgess.